

DESTROYER IN RECORD TRIP TO PORT AS FIRE ON BOARD INJURES TWO

Newport, R. I., Oct. 6.—The torpedo boat destroyer Cummings, on board of which two men were killed as a result of an explosion and fire at sea yesterday arrived here early today. The men were taken to the naval hospital where it was announced that although they were severely burned about the head, face and body, it was expected that they would recover. The men are George Trullinger, first-class fireman, of J. J. Jones, N. M. and Thomas Shea, a water tender, of Waterson, N. J. The destroyer was only slightly damaged. It was arranged that an investigation into the cause of the accident should be begun today. The two men were in the fire room when the explosion occurred in a quantity of fuel oil. A sheet of flame shot out. In response to these men's cries, other members of the crew rushed in to the fire room, pulled them out and rendered first aid by wrapping them in blankets and applying oil to their burns. The fire was quickly subdued.

In view of the serious condition of the men, Lieutenant Freeman, in command of the destroyer, ordered the vessel to put back at full speed to this port which she had left Monday to assist in the operations of the attacking fleet in the naval war game. The Cummings, at the time of the explosion, was about 500 miles out. Although the weather was thick, she made back to Newport at a speed of 25 knots an hour. The fleet of battleships which came into Narragansett Bay in the course of their operations as part of the defense fleet in the war game put to sea again during the night. They were battleships Arkansas, Virginia, Louisiana, Nebraska, New Jersey and Rhode Island, and the destroyers Monaghan, Roe, Perry and Walke. It was understood that the Arkansas, which was reported last night as having had engine trouble, would be taken to the New York navy yard for repairs.

State Trade School Reopens For Fall; Attendance is Large

The State Trade Education shop, directed by James F. Johnson, superintendent, opened its fall work Monday evening at the shop on Broad street with every room filled to its capacity. The printing department, in which there are accommodations and equipment for some 15 students, is under the direction of Edward Cooper, and is entirely commercial and consists of general job printing. The drafting department in the carpentry building is in charge of Kinsey Hill. The drafting department in the machine work is under the direction of H. N. Houlton. W. F. Penny, C. J. Jody and T. Hamilton. Major James J. Hurley is in charge of the plumbing department while the machine and tool department is under the instruction of John H. Houlton. D. W. Ball, George Walmar has charge of the carpenter shop while the class in shop mathematics is under the direction of W. F. Penny.

Columbia Extension Course Classes Will Begin Next Thursday

The Columbia Extension course classes for this autumn will start their work tomorrow when Mr. Hurfill will meet at 4:00 o'clock in the High School building those who are to take the course in English Modern Literature. The class in Course 1 of English Composition will meet in the same place at 7:30 o'clock Thursday evening.

Birmingham Says He Will Not Have Eichel Before Him on Charges

That no charges will be preferred against Policeman Fred Eichel for failing to arrest Luigi Costa, the alleged instigator of the shooting affray which took place in the vicinity of Warner Bros. factory, Saturday, was the statement made by Superintendent Birmingham.

BLACKSMITHS AND ALLIED WORKERS TO CONDUCT SMOKER

F. C. Bolan, organizer of the Blacksmiths & Helpers' association, Walter L. Phillips, and others, will address the meeting of members of their organization tomorrow evening when a smoker is held at 27 Cannon street. All persons connected with the blacksmith trade, including helpers, braziers, hardeners and spring makers are invited to attend the meeting.

A committee composed of Bernard Ryder, Mr. Phillips and Clarence Peck has made arrangements for the entertainment and provisions for all will be provided. Ryder has been appointed conductor of the union, which is local No. 58.

GAS, HEARTBURN, INDIGESTION OR A SICK STOMACH

"Pape's Diapiesin" ends all stomach distress in five minutes.

Time it! Pape's Diapiesin will digest anything you eat and overcome a sour, gassy or out-of-order stomach surely within five minutes. If your meals don't fit comfortably or what you eat lies like a lump of lead in your stomach, or if you have heartburn, that is a sign of indigestion.

Get from your pharmacist a fifty-cent box of Pape's Diapiesin and take a dose just as soon as you can. There will be no sour risings, no belching of undigested food mixed with acid, no stomach gas or heartburn, fullness or heavy feeling in the stomach, no nausea, debility, headache, dizziness or intestinal griping. This will all go, and, besides, there will be no sour food left over in the stomach to poison your breath with nauseous odors.

Pape's Diapiesin is a certain cure for out-of-order stomachs, because it takes hold of your food and digests it just the same as if your stomach wasn't there. Relief in five minutes from all stomach misery is waiting for you at any drug store.

These large fifty-cent boxes contain enough "Pape's Diapiesin" to keep the entire family free from stomach disorders and indigestion for many months. It belongs in your home—Adv.

Williams Denounces National Bankers As Usurers; Gives Facts

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ever the security for the loans may be. The bank that lends at such rates is robbing its constituency and is at the same time committing slow but sure suicide. Some reports from the south and west, the northwest and the southwest, especially in the wheat and cotton sections of the southwest, are blood-curdling. They are like stories from darkest Russia, of the oppressions inflicted upon the peasantry. The reports received at the Comptroller's office show indisputably that in some states and sections, borrowers and especially small borrowers, have been and are being subjected to exorbitant and exacting which the average man would consider impossible in this enlightened age.

Mr. Williams devoted much of his energy to answering the charges of action in regard to lower interest rates by Senator Weeks of Massachusetts, in a recent speech before Michigan bankers. He declared Senator Weeks had said that the banker himself was the man to determine interest rates, and in reply read a list of banks which showed an average rate of more than ten per cent. It included two banks in Illinois; in Minnesota, two in Missouri, 20 in Georgia, six in Florida; 21 in Alabama, two in Louisiana, 315 in Texas, 17 in Arkansas, three in Tennessee, 20 in North Dakota, 25 in South Dakota, 18 in Nebraska, five in Kansas, 35 in Montana, 14 in Wyoming, 37 in Colorado, 25 in New Mexico, 300 in Oklahoma, 12 in Washington, 10 in Oregon, 13 in California, two in Utah, one in Nevada and 33 in Idaho.

In one southwestern state, said Mr. Williams, 131 banks reported they charged maximum rates of interest of from 15 to 24 per cent; 67 banks a maximum between 25 and 60 per cent; 22 banks a maximum between 60 per cent and 100 per cent; 18 between 100 and 200 per cent and eight between 200 and 2,000 per cent. "Most of these disgraceful rates," said the Comptroller, "were for comparatively small loans." The legal rate in the state, he pointed out, was 6 per cent and the maximum authorized by special contract, 10 per cent.

Mr. Williams reviewed the financial situation through the first year of the European war. He said that this country had not only avoided financial crash but had wiped out the floating debt of \$350,000,000 due to Europe January 1, 1915, and absorbed by 1915 \$750 and 1,000 millions of dollars of American securities that were held abroad and now in condition to help finance the whole world at the discretion of the war department. He said as a fact that the United States was now in position to buy back the American securities held in foreign lands, if they should be offered, but that "Europe has to have the money and America is the most stable country on earth" and that investors there cling to American securities as likely to be the best real values as the American dollar has become "the world's standard of value because it commands the world's faith."

Giving figures to substantiate this assurance, the Comptroller said the estimated gold supply of the United States in gold coin and bullion is more than two billion dollars, of which state and national banks hold one billion and the Federal Reserve bank and the Treasury 640 millions, leaving more than 400 millions in the pockets of the people. At no time in recorded history have the banks of any country held such a reserve of gold as this country hold today. Deposits of all the banks in the United States, including trust companies, had, in the past 15 years, increased at the average rate of about a billion dollars a year, he said.

The income of the people of the United States over the expenses of living and available for development and investment amounts to 5,000 millions of dollars per annum. Mr. Williams said and he placed the total at 30,000 millions a year. He said the total wealth of the United States is now estimated at 210 billions as compared with 76 billions as the total wealth of Germany in 1911; 55 billions the total wealth of France in 1908; and 108 billions the wealth of the whole British Empire, including the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, India and South Africa, by the latest available computation, that of 1908.

Mr. Williams cautioned his hearers that the time may be near when this nation will need its resources and when even our unprecedented and unequalled strength will be taxed. "At the close of this great war," he said, "it will be our task to finance the world. We may be the one affluent power. This war on us will be enormous. We may have to bear too, the burden of providing for our own defense. We have learned from observation and from comparison forced upon us by the war, that we are prepared we are. We are asleep among hungry and armed nations in a home-ridden with gold and food, with our doors wide open and even a gun on the premises. We will have to take care of ourselves and of countries, governments and peoples abroad. The one sure foundation, not only for the business structure, but for the government and civilization itself, for safety in war and growth in peace, is in the prosperity and contentment of the individual."

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Get Dr. Edward's Olive Tablets.

That is the joyful cry of thousands since Dr. Edwards produced Olive Tablets, the substitute for calomel. Dr. Edwards, a practicing physician for 17 years and calomel's old-time enemy, has discovered the formula for Olive Tablets while treating patients for chronic constipation and torpid bowels.

Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets do not contain calomel but a healing, soothing vegetable laxative. No griping is the keynote of these gentle sugar-coated, olive-colored tablets. They cause the bowels and liver to act normally. They never force them to unnatural action. If you have a "dark brown mouth" now and then, a "brassy" or "fired" feeling—sick headache—torpid liver, and are constipated, you'll find quick relief from these results from one or two little Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets at bedtime. Thousands take one or two every night just to keep right. Try them 10c and 25c per box. All druggists. The Olive Tablet Co., Columbus, O.—Adv.

REDDING REMAINS G.O.P. AND VOES CONTRACT SYSTEM

Members of New Road Commission Are Ex-Selectmen With One Exception.

Redding, Oct. 6.—By a lavish use of free auto transportation and by getting out more of the Georgetown shop vote than usual the Republicans were able to slightly increase their majority at Monday's election over that of last year. On candidates for the principal offices the vote was as follows: Selectmen—S. H. Osborn, r. 157; Zalmom Read, r. 137; M. Joseph Sullivan, d. 111; Walter P. Rowland, d. 95.

Assessor, E. A. Pinkney, r. 136; J. L. Blackman, d. 110. Town treasurer, W. H. Hill, r. 148; William A. Lounsbury, d. 93. Board of relief, M. Sanford, r. 139; B. B. Banks, r. 142; W. C. Sanford, d. 100; Robert H. Rider, d. 162. Town clerk, J. B. Sanford, d. 234. (was on both tickets).

The road question occupied most of the time of the business session. Having tried about every other way it was decided after a discussion lasting nearly two hours to determine by the test of experience what virtue there is in the single contract system. C. H. Plump led off by presenting a resolution expressing the conclusions reached by the citizens' meeting of Sept. 24. It provided for the creation of a commission of five who should be empowered to arrange for the care and maintenance of the roads and bridges under the single contract system, the contract to run for three years. The contractor must furnish a bond for the faithful performance of his duties and to insure the town against loss through non-performance. Any surplus which may remain from the appropriation after the contractor is paid shall be expended by the commission and selectmen in work of the nature of permanent improvements.

Mr. Plump, speaking to the resolution, said our road question of today could not be compared with the same question of ten years ago because of the changed conditions of traffic. The public was earnestly desirous of improvement, but felt that many opportunities for realizing improvement had been neglected. An offer by Commodore Cutler two or three years ago to furnish without expense to the town, the services of an engineer to undertake a quest for gravel deposits had apparently been ignored. So had the offer of experts to contribute towards paying for betterments in their respective localities. He was proceeding to relate specific instances reported to him of wasteful and inefficient management when ex-Selectman Charles Sanford protested on the ground that it was hearsay evidence and therefore not admissible. Mr. Plump closed declaring that in the year 1916 we should not try to handle the road problem by 1861 methods.

L. O. Peck, Selectman Bates and S. C. Shaw opposed the resolution because it seemed to them impossible to draw enforceable specifications which would meet the needs of the town. Mr. Plump argued that the doubtful bids would be forthcoming owing to the risks the contractor must assume from the elements. If there were bidders they must calculate on a margin for profit or compensation for their labor so that the total would probably amount to more than the town was now expending with results probably less satisfactory. Lloyd Blackman advocated the contract plan although both he and Mr. Shaw expressed a preference for the supervisor system agreeing, however, that it was not feasible until the town largely increased its road appropriation.

The most effective plea for the new plan was made by D. S. Sanford. He believed that many of the objections raised were fanciful and that the experiment proposed was well worth trying although he also was a firm believer in the supervisor method which in his brief trial had admittedly accomplished good. In general the improvements so far gained were the result of agitation and it would not do to allow matters to remain stationary. Others who spoke in support of the contract system were E. A. Pinkney and J. L. Blackman.

W. A. Lounsbury told a diverting story about an experience of the town under the old system. He recalled of former years. The supervisors refused to pay one man's bill on the ground that he had failed to keep his section in proper repair. The contractor was not paid and was largely by the aid of citizens who had previously complained of his neglect, but who went into court and swore that the road was never in better condition than while under his care. "Yes," added Lounsbury, "the next year, 'and the best part of the joke was that the contractor had done no work whatever on the road.' A man a few chairs further on dissented from Mr. Lounsbury's conclusion and the instance proved the contract in question was worthless. "The town lost," said he, "not on the merits of the case but because certain citizens falsified themselves under oath. Such a case could not occur now because we have now no citizens who would thus perjure themselves."

When it came to a vote on the resolution it was necessary to divide the house. A count showed 57 for and 39 against. Members of the newly created commission were then elected by ballot upon the report of a nominating committee, as follows: B. B. Banks, W. C. Sanford, Lloyd Blackman, Eugene Adams, Charles H. Plump. All except the last named are former selectmen.

The meeting voted a road appropriation of \$4,000, which the year's roads and bridges cost nearly \$7,000. For schools there was appropriated \$6,000, the same as last year, and to this was added a special appropriation of \$200 for teaching vocal music. This will be a new feature in the schools. It was voted to accept as a public way a cross road about 1,000 feet long in Georgetown previously owned by private parties.

DORSEN'S Smart Fall Coats

That provide the highest degree of style and comfort at a reasonably low price

A glance at the splendid new Coats we are showing this week is an object lesson for the woman who wants to dress well at moderate price.

Here are the nobby Sport Coats for Fall and Winter, mannish mixtures in varied array, as well as the stylish and storm-defying Plush and Corduroy Coats that will be worn by those who seek to combine comfort with becoming appearance.

We can only hint here of the charm and excellence of these seasonable things—yes, and a word to you come early and make your selection.

- BLACK PLUSH COATS, three-quarter length, new rippled effects; some with yoke backs; trimmed with imitation ermine or skunk racoon—at \$25.00 and \$29.75
- PLUSH AND CORDUROY COATS, 45-inch length, in black, hunter's green, navy and open; lined throughout with \$25.00 Skinner satin and peau de cygne—at \$25.00
- WOOL PLUSH COATS in novel plaids and checks; high collar, with or without belt, patch pockets; 45-inch length—\$19.75
- FINE CHINCHILLA COATS in the very latest blue and brown plaids; three-quarter length; trimmed with black plush collar and band—\$14.75
- NATTY SPORT COATS of Corduroy, in blue, brown, black and green; checks, plaids and also plain colors; collars, belts and cuffs of same material; 36-inch length—\$12.75
- MISSIE'S SPORT COATS, sizes 14 to 20, in plain effects as well as the most desirable stripes, plaids, checks, in all the new shades—at \$5.00 and \$5.75

The Popular Velour Hats \$2.25

A new lot just received and offered on Thursday at only \$2.25. Included in this display are the extremely popular shapes, "Elsie Moore," "Mary Jane," and "Sporty Jane," which will be much in demand this season. Shown in black, bottle green, African brown, navy, purple and red. These hats are being offered in exclusive shops in large cities at \$3.50 and upwards—you may take your choice of the display here Thursday at \$2.25.

Dainty Muslin Underwear

The woman "who cares" will find here the newest and most attractive styles in Undermuslins. She will also find that prices are extremely reasonable. Many of these features are worthy of prominence as bargain offerings, so reasonably are they priced.

- COMBINATIONS of fine nainsook; lace and embroidery ruffles on drawers; covers trimmed back and front with Swiss embroidery—\$1.19
- ery and Val.—at \$1.19
- NIGHT GOWNS of crepe, batiste and nainsook; yokes of dainty embroidery, neck and sleeves trimmed with lace and ribbon—at \$1.19
- PETTICOATS of fine muslin, with ruffles of new embroidery—at 98c
- ENVELOPE CHEMISE of fine batiste and nainsook, lace and embroidery trimmed—at \$1.19
- SILK BLOOMERS of good quality Seco silk—silk and cotton mixed—at 98c
- CORSET COVERS of nainsook, daintily trimmed with new embroidery; all sizes—at 39c

Miss Allen Resigns As Assistant Town Clerk in Stratford

(Special to The Farmer) Stratford, Oct. 6.—Miss Emma G. Allen, for the last six years assistant town clerk and for two years private secretary to former Selectman Rollin S. Curtis, has given her resignation to Town Clerk Harold C. Lovell, which will take effect in a few days. Although Miss Allen gives no specific reason for resigning it is understood that she is not in sympathy with the changes in administration. Neither First Selectman James Lally nor Town Clerk Harold C. Lovell have appointed any one to fill the vacancy. The newly elected selectmen, James Lally, John J. Williams and Fred W. Nettleton will meet tomorrow afternoon at the town hall to organize and discuss plans for the year's work. Town Clerk Lovell will wear in the second and third selectmen.

That there is not the slightest chance for the supporters of Dr. Rollin S. Curtis to demand a recount nor of having another election was shown today when Frank E. Blackman said that 16 votes were cast which were not marked in the squares. Two of these ballots were blank and nine were improperly marked for Lally and five for Curtis. According to these figures Lally would still win by a margin of 16 votes instead of 12 if they were counted as valid. Judge Charles H. Peck said today that he had been apprised of any plan to contest the election.

A fine of \$1 and costs and a sentence of 10 days in jail was meted out to Frederick Watson of Hartford by Judge Howard J. Curtis. Watson was caught by Station Agent Charles Homan at 5:30 o'clock this morning trying to open a freight car to get sleeping quarters. Constable Frank T. Palmer was summoned and he escorted the prisoner to the town lock-up.

The annual clambake of the Westport Country Club will be held Saturday, October 9, at the new club grounds. The Dingbat club will meet in its rooms tonight for the annual election of officers. A roast beef supper will follow the business session.

Following a protracted illness, Harold F. Keenan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Keenan of 663 Union avenue, died last evening. The deceased was 17 years of age and was beloved by all his associates. He was employed in the American Chain Co. and was a member of the Lincoln Drum corps. Besides his parents, he is survived by one brother, Louis.

CHARGED WITH ASSAULT. Walter Bitner, aged 28, 334 East Washington avenue, will answer an assault charge in the city court tomorrow. Abe Hasin, 25 Union square, will appear against him. Both were working at the Remington Arms plant this morning when they became involved in an argument over a pair of second hand shoes.

DORSEN'S
MAIN, ELM & MIDDLE STS.
PURE FOOD MARKET
One Hour Sale
THURSDAY
10 to 11 A.M.
Rib Lamb Chops
18c per LB.
2 lbs. for 35c.
In the Pure Food Market, Basement.

OBITUARY
ANN CHESHIRE.
Ann Cheshire died this morning following an extended illness. The deceased was well known in the city. She is survived by several nieces and nephews. The funeral will be held Friday morning from the undertaking parlors of Rourke & Boucher at 8 o'clock and will start from St. Charles church at 9 o'clock.

HAROLD F. KEENAN
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